



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

May 31, 2002

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending **31-May-02** Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	59.89	47.92	51.81	73.03	61.15
Last week	54.14	42.90	47.31	68.03	55.96

Selected Cities Large - 31-May-02 New York 61-65 Chicago 51-55 California 81

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 27-May-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	99.0	255.1	158.6	179.3	212.2	904.2	292.7	1196.9
% change PW	0	-5	7	5	3	1	4	2

Breaking Stock 31-May-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	30-35 M 32	27-32 M 29-31
Checks & Undergrades	14-19	13-21.50 M 14-19

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **25-MAY-02**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,256,741	29,121	12,422	6,511	3,333	4,599
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,271,457	29,855	12,690	6,857	3,256	4,481
LAST YEAR	1,123,045	25,719	11,451	6,119	2,285	3,843
% CHANGE PW	-1	-2	-2	-5	2	3
% CHANGE LY	12	13	8	6	46	20
TO-DATE 2002	24,407,158	565,261	242,277	130,061	58,639	87,819
TO-DATE 2001	23,462,243	531,524	239,211	129,959	50,406	84,058
% CHANGE YTD	4	6	1	0	16	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.90 Previous Week: 42.38 Last Year: 41.97

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.24 Previous Week: 38.85 Last Year: 38.55

National Liquid Eggs - 31-May-02 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	15	28-33	30.10	1.67
Whites	11	10.5-15.5	11.91	.52
Yolks	8	62-66	63.75	.95

Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 64 to 68 cents fob and no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 31-May-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	40-45 M 41-43	41-45 M 41-43	49-53	48-51	
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		64-85	-	
Whites	22-32 M 22-25	22-32 M 22-25	27-45	28-31	
Yolks ⁴					
Sugared	72-77 M 73-76	73-77 M 73-76	80-84	80-83	
Salted	68-76 M 68-72	68-73 M 70-73	76-82	76-79	

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 31-May-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.45 - 1.90	1.50 - 1.55
Yolks	1.63 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.85
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.70 - 2.10	1.72 - 1.85
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.12 - 1.35	1.14 - 1.20

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands)Weekending 25-May-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,809	This week	140	This week	1,949
Last week	1,846	Last week	332	Last week	2,178
Last year	1,595	Last year	210	Last year	1,805
To Date 2002	38,696	To Date 2002	6,640	To Date 2002	45,336
To Date 2001	38,031	To Date 2001	10,362	To Date 2001	48,393

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 18-May-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	391	0	41	432
Last year	263	0	0	263
To date 2002	7,022	0	49	7,071
To date 2001	4,591	40	22	4,653

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 18-May-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	81	52	40	173
Last year	159	1	0	160
To date 2002	1,969	1,346	1,545	4,860
To date 2001	1,849	580	226	2,655

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 18-May-02

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	17	3,770	4,757	1,140	23,520	0	33,204
Last year	0	1,660	3,772	1,140	14,160	6,900	27,632
To date 2002	1,078	8,098	34,527	18,633	110,520	11,134	183,990
To date 2001	87	14,881	42,666	16,818	106,004	29,778	210,234

Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS**May 29, 2002**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,336,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 33,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$560,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids
		Inv. No. 2	Accepted
5-pound cartons	760,000	\$0.4601-\$0.4990	4 of 8
bulk tankers	576,000	\$0.3430	1 of 4

Today's purchase is made under a program announced by the Department on April 16 to provide assistance for the egg laying industry, which has faced difficult economic times. Purchases of egg products will continue under this program.

Next offers under Announcement PY-257 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
3	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	June 10	June 14	July 16-31

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-257, Invitation 2, to be delivered from July 1 to July 15, follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc.	120,060 @ \$0.4795-0.4911
Crystal Lake Egg Products	240,120 @ \$0.4612-0.4987
M.G. Waldbaum Co.	360,180 @ \$0.4601-0.4765
Wenk Produce Co.	40,000 @ \$0.4990

Bulk Tankers

Daybreak Foods, Inc.	576,000 @ \$0.3430
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As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all Offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.